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## Prof. Rostow Lost His Clothes

DR. WALT W. ROSTOW, professor of international economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is dedicated to keeping the Kennedy Administration afloat. But he once dunned the Government for being sunk.

The top echelon adviser to President-elect John F. Kennedy induced Uncle Sam to reimburse him for \$385.50 worth of suits, socks, shirts and a change of underwear that went to a grave in the Atlantic.

The gentleman who now is slated for an important



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position in the foreign policy field used to be a cloak and dagger of Gen. Wild Bill Donovan's World War II Office of Strategic Services. On Oct. 12, 1942, the OSS agent was aboard the British tanker Empire Mersey when it met up with the wrong submarine.

It was sunk. Prof. Rostow saved his life, but lost his luggage.

He took his time thinking it over, as Brain Trusters will. Five years later he came to a sound decision in economics. He induced Rep. Ellsworth Bishop Foote, of Connecticut, to introduce a bill for his private relief.

The bill (House Resolution 3523) was adopted on May 19, 1947 and Prof. Rostow

was reimbursed for his sun-marined belongings.

I trust he replaced his sunken clothing with both Winter and Summer things, because he never knows which he is going to have to wear these days while advising Kennedy. The Professor may start to advise the President-elect on Cabinet appointments on the stoop in Georgetown and conclude his counsel in the surf at Palm Beach.

MOST PEOPLE who write for a living love to refer to a vacation as "richly earned."

This usually is true—in the sense that they are paid richer earnings than they're worth.

I am leaving on a richly earned vacation.

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